



UNIVERSITY of ST. AUGUSTINE for HEALTH SCIENCES

University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences Campus Entry Protocol Mask Changes Effective March 16 Frequently Asked Questions

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This Q&A includes general responses to frequently asked questions regarding the on-campus mask changes effective March 16, 2022. For more specific answers and details regarding procedures, please reach out to reentry@usa.edu or contact your local campus Human Resources partner (faculty and staff) or academic program director (students) directly.

Q: What changes have been made to the USAHS mask policy?

- Masks will now only be **required in academic areas** on campus for students and employees. Masks will be **optional in non-academic areas**.
- Visitors who disclose that they are fully vaccinated on the [Visitor Daily Health Form](#) will also no longer be required to wear a mask in non-academic areas.
- Masks will still be required to be worn by all students, faculty, staff and visitors in academic areas while on campus.
- Visitors who choose the testing/non-vaccination disclosure option on the Visitor Daily Health Form will be required to wear a three-ply, surgical/procedural or N95 / KN95 face mask on **all areas** of the campus.

Q: What locations/rooms are considered as academic areas where masks are required to be worn?

Masks must still be worn by everyone while present in a classroom, lab, pro bono clinic, the Center for Innovative Clinical Practice (CICP) and during any patient activity. *This policy is effective regardless of the number of people in these academic campus rooms or locations.*

Q: What type of mask is required while in an academic area?

Only three-ply, surgical/procedural face masks or N95 / KN95 masks are acceptable. If a person does not have an appropriate mask, the University will provide a three-ply, surgical/procedural mask upon request.

Q: Who is affected by the change?

This change affects all students, faculty, staff and visitors at all USAHS campuses. Visitors are still limited to those on official University business or who support the USAHS academic purpose.

Q: When does this policy change become effective?

This change is effective Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

Q: Why is USAHS making this change to its mask policy?

The University continues to follow CDC guidelines and protocols for health care professionals/settings. In addition, COVID-19 virus levels have decreased surrounding all five campus communities in Florida, Texas and California, enabling USAHS to make this change.

Q: Can I choose to wear a mask in non-required, non-academic areas of campus?

We must respect the decision made by each student, employee and visitor. Acceptance and courtesy are expected from all members of the University community. The University will supply three-ply, surgical/procedural masks to anyone who needs or asks for them.

Q: What campus locations are affected?

All five USAHS campuses in California, Texas and Florida are included in the updated policy. For specific examples of room location protocols, please reference this chart:

	Students	Faculty and Staff	Visitors who disclose full vaccination	Visitors who choose testing option/non-vaccine disclosure
Classrooms	Masks required			
Labs	Masks required			
Pro Bono Clinics	Masks required			
CICP	Masks required			
Patient Activities	Masks required			
Student Lounges	Optional	Optional	Optional	Required
Employee Break Rooms	N/A	Optional	Optional	N/A
Library	Optional	Optional	Optional	Required
Study Rooms	Optional	Optional	N/A	N/A
Conference Rooms	Optional	Optional	Optional	Required
Employee Offices	Optional	Optional	Optional	Required
Guided Tours	Optional	Optional	Option	Required
Outdoor Campus Areas	Optional			